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SUBJECT: NATO AGREES TO DO CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THE
BALTIC STATES

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Classified By: D/Political Advisor A. "Hoot" Baez. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S/REL NATO) On January 22, NATO's Military Committee agreed to expand EAGLE GUARDIAN, the Alliance's contingency plan for the reinforcement and defense of Poland, to also include the defense and reinforcement of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

¶2. (S/REL NATO) The Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), ADM Stavridis, had proposed the EAGLE GUARDIAN expansion at the January 20 meeting of the Military Committee, after which the expansion was formally submitted to Allies for decision under a silence procedure.

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